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Attorney General John Ashcroft

US Department of Justice

950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

The settlement made between Microsoft and the Department of Justice is more than just. I feel that this situation has dragged on for far too long. I would like to see it brought to a close as soon as possible. Microsoft has agreed to more than they should have, and asking them to do more is absurd.

Microsoft is willing to license some of the internal codes of Windows so that its competitors will be able to develop software that is compatible with Windows. This will allow for more competition within the IT industry, which will in turn help the economy. Furthermore, once this issue is decided at the Federal level, it should be over. The states should not have the option of pursuing further litigation.

Thank you for considering our views on this issue. I hope that this matter is soon brought to a close. Our courts should be pursuing more important matters.

Sincerely,

John & Susan Engel

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